

## NEGROES WHITESLAVE WOMEN

TWO SAID TO HAVE BEEN MURDERED AND BURIED AS BLACKS.

The Barred-Prisoners of the Tenderloin and Cornelia Street Yielding Up More Horrible Little Advertisements for Servants as a Lure.

District Attorney Jerome has some evidence on which to base the belief that two white women were murdered less than two years ago in a disorderly house in the Tenderloin which a negro kept and in which white women were held prisoners. If the information in Mr. Jerome's possession is correct those women were beaten to death and their bodies were buried in a negro cemetery after false death certificates had been issued. These women were not killed in the houses run by Bob Spriggs, the negro who was indicted on Friday for abduction, assault and keeping a disorderly house. It was said at the District Attorney's office yesterday that the women were murdered, according to the information obtained by the District Attorney, in a house which was run by a person "now under arrest or about to be arrested."

This is one feature of the investigation by Mr. Jerome of disorderly houses in which white women were detained after practically having been abducted and held by the negro proprietors. Other arrests are to be made. The house kept by Sallie Bennett, within four doors of the Tenderloin station, was raided on Friday night. There is no contention made by the District Attorney that the police were in league with the proprietors of these houses, but it is known that police officers were stationed in front of the houses and paid money. This was not alone in the Tenderloin, but in at least one other precinct.

The revelations were in no way brought out through the developments in the Clatche case of the relations of Tenderloin women with members of the vice squad. The investigation has been going on since last November, but no move was made until the District Attorney felt that there was enough evidence against Spriggs and the Bennett woman. The investigation is still going on, and it was said yesterday that if a story which was brought to the office yesterday can be corroborated there will be disclosures that will throw into the shade the history of the investigation of the Red Light district.

It was through a Tenderloin missionary that the District Attorney's office came to take up the investigation of the disorderly houses run by negroes. This woman, whose name for obvious reasons is not disclosed, was walking through West Thirty-first street early in November when a girl was thrown out of a house. She was a thin, frail wreck—too ill to be of any use. The house was kept by the Bennett woman, who is a negro. The girl had few clothes and she was so sick that the missionary sent her to Bellevue hospital. Since then she has recovered, and is now in the country being cared for. When she began to get well she told the missionary what she had gone through. A little investigation bore out her story.

Her sister was in the house at the same time. They had been lured there at different times and neither knew that the other was in the house until they met there. When the girl was thrown out of the house here her sister begged to be allowed to go and take care of her, but was prevented. The missionary took the story to the District Attorney and said it. It was John A. Henneberry, Mr. Jerome's chief clerk. It was of such a nature that Mr. Jerome immediately took steps to get to the bottom of the whole thing. Outside detectives were employed and Roundman Beery and Detective Flood of the District Attorney's office were put to work. Gradually they began to get information that confirmed the girl's story and added to it.

Then something happened that helped along the investigation. It was the fact that the investigation was going on that the District Attorney was doing raised the house kept by the Bennett woman, which was in West Thirty-first street. It was a white woman taken prisoner and two of them were held for the Grand Jury. They were indicted, and then one of them, Hattie Warren, was taken to the police station. Another link in the chain of evidence. Upon what had been learned from the girl picked up by the missionary and Hattie Warren was decided to get a watch on Spriggs and the Bennett woman.

Bob Spriggs' father was a disorderly house keeper before him and he has been in the business for many years. Spriggs' clothes have been the envy of Seventh avenue and his diamonds outshine anything in the district. He was one of the leaders of the colored Tenderloin and his political and police influence made him a man to be feared.

Spriggs had two houses in Cornelia street. He has a home in Bayonne and a white wife. Whenever they were together he took her to his house in Bayonne. In each of the Cornelia street houses he kept white women.

Both of these houses were kept locked and barred. The windows were nailed down. The shutters were padlocked. It is asserted that only once did a woman ever escape from one of them. That was when a girl by some chance got hold of a key and pried open the basement door. She was scantily dressed and went to a corner saloon. She stayed there for a day and when a messenger came from Spriggs and told her that Spriggs would give her money and clothes, and on his promises and in fear of his threats as to what would happen to her if she disobeyed she returned to the house.

One woman held in this house was allowed to go outside only in the winter. Then she was accompanied by a representative of Spriggs, who was called a "trustee." She has the same dress that she wore when she was lured to the house and she has been in it all the time Spriggs has given her only \$4. This woman will be a witness against Spriggs.

But by bit the District Attorney's office found how the white women were taken to these houses. In some instances they answered advertisements offering employment. In other cases they were lured by promises of money and in all that time Spriggs has given her only \$4. This woman will be a witness against Spriggs.

There was always one or two negroes around the house who were ready to beat the women into submission. According to the stories told by several women witnesses who have been examined by Assistant District Attorneys Garvan and Murphy, Spriggs used to strike and kick the women, and once he punched one woman so hard that he knocked out four of her teeth.

Then came the information about the two women having been killed. It is charged that these women were killed and beaten to death. Mr. Jerome has learned that their bodies were taken from the house late at night by a negro and buried in a cemetery. A negro doctor gave a false death certificate. The women were buried in a cemetery used by negroes and their bodies put in one grave. This is the most revolting thing I have ever heard of," said Mr. Garvan. One woman came from New London after the death of her husband. She had no money and answered an advertisement which offered her work. She went to one of these houses and the door was locked on her. Her clothes were taken away from

her. After she had given up any idea of getting away she asked for some money to send for her baby, who was being looked after by her mother-in-law. The money was refused. She asked to be allowed to see her baby and promised to come back, but this was also refused.

It is stated that all the women who were kept in these houses were not servants girls. Some of them were girls from good families who had gone astray. It is not true, however, that they were girls of 14 and 15 years who were abducted or kidnapped. Spriggs is said to have run a sort of an exchange. He is said to have been ready at all times to supply women to houses that were not so well provided. In one instance, according to Mr. Garvan, twenty-five girls were sent to a negro "club" in Philadelphia.

Since Mr. Jerome began his investigation the police have raided Spriggs' Cornelia street houses twice and the Bennett woman's place has been raided once. That was prior to the District Attorney's raid on Friday night. Spriggs and the Bennett woman are said to have worked together. After each raid the prisoners were discharged in the police courts because of insufficient evidence.

Sometimes policemen have been stationed in front of the houses. Some of these policemen have been paid money. In one instance, according to the District Attorney's information, when the policemen were a little diffident about taking the money directly it was put in a piece of newspaper and left on an ash barrel in front of the houses. It never blew away.

So many women are said to have been used by the treatment that they got in these houses that almost a whole ward in the charity hospital on Blackwell's Island is said to have been filled with them at one time. A number of these women are still there, and they have told their stories to the District Attorney.

Sallie Bennett, who was arrested on Friday night, was held in \$2,000 bail in the Tombs police court yesterday. Edna Stillman, white; James Hall and Annie Harris, colored, who were arrested in the raid, were sent to the House of Detention as witnesses.

### ACTOR E. J. MORGAN DEAD.

Overcome by Heart Disease in His Room in the Hotel Belvedere—His Career.

Edward J. Morgan, the actor, who recently came out of the Hahnemann Hospital, where he had been under treatment for nervous trouble, arrived from Chicago on Friday evening with his stepdaughter and Mrs. Hueston, who was chaperoning the girl. The party went to the Hotel Belvedere, at Seventy-seventh street and Broadway.

Mr. Morgan looked unusually well and spoke hopefully to the night clerk, whom he knew, of an engagement that he expected to secure in the early spring. He went to his room about 6 o'clock. His stepdaughter called him half an hour later and asked him if he was ready to go down to dinner. He told her to go without him.

He did not appear at the table and when she went to his room after dinner and knocked and called he did not answer. She supposed that he had gone to sleep and she went to bed.

When a maid went to fix Mr. Morgan's room about 10 o'clock yesterday morning she failed to get a response to rap and calls, so she opened the door with her pass key. Mr. Morgan was kneeling over a great pile of books in the study, which he was working. The other slipper was in the grip. His head had fallen forward into the corner of the room. The maid saw this and went to the door.

The hotel called in Dr. Kenneth MacAlpine, who lives near by, and he said he believed that Mr. Morgan had died of heart disease. Mr. Morgan's doctor, Dr. J. W. MacAlpine, who lives near by, said that the actor was in condition to accept an engagement. A memorandum on the back of the letter suggested that Mr. Morgan should not attempt to do any work before April.

Mr. Morgan was born in England about thirty-eight years ago and was a graduate of Oxford. He first appeared in this country in "Shenandoah." He showed promise as a member of Mrs. Leslie Carter's company in "The Heart of Maryland," and then in the London leading man in the Lyceum Theatre stock company. He next appeared in London with Annie Russell, where he played the part of the hero in "The Christian." He also played in "The Eternal City," "Quo Vadis," and "Bon Hur." His last appearance in New York was in the "Prodigal Son" several months ago.

Mr. Morgan was twice married. His first wife, Adelaide Cushman, a grand-daughter of Charles Sumner, died in a sanatorium. He married her in Boston in 1897. They parted the same year. Two years ago Mr. Morgan married Helen Bertram, a daughter of the late John D. Rockefeller, Jr. She is the English actor. She is playing in the "Gingerbread Man" in Chicago. She was notified of her husband's death and will be here at the funeral.

### Obituary Notes.

Warren Jordan died at his home, 650 Paulding street, Peckskill, on Friday, aged 73 years. He was the biggest hardware merchant in the village. He was a trustee and the president of the Peckskill Savings Bank. He was also a trustee of the Peckskill Military Academy since 1893, president of the Dunderberg Club for a long time, trustee of the village several years, and a member of the United States. He had been a member of the Peckskill Baptist Church since 1850. He was survived by his wife, Mrs. Warren Jordan, and three children: Anna, a daughter, and two sons, John and William. The funeral will be held next Tuesday afternoon, and the interment will be in Caldwell cemetery.

Isaac Lane, 78 years of age, senior member of the firm of Lane, Lockwood & Co., tobacco manufacturers, of Caldwell, N. J., died at his home in that place yesterday. He was born in Caldwell and had lived there since a young man. He was engaged in the manufacture of cigars and tobacco, and for many years was one of the most important industries in northern New Jersey. He was a man of considerable wealth. He is survived by his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Susan B. Lane, and by a daughter, Mrs. John A. Lane, and a son, Mr. John A. Lane, Jr. The funeral will be held on Tuesday afternoon, and the interment will be in Caldwell cemetery.

Francis A. Jayne, formerly of New York, died at his home in Hartford, Conn., on Friday night. He was a member of the Hartford Athletic Club and was a member of the Hartford Yacht Club. He was a man of considerable wealth. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jayne, and by three children: John, a son, and two daughters, Miss Jayne and Miss Jayne. The funeral will be held on Tuesday afternoon, and the interment will be in Hartford cemetery.

William H. Kelly, Jr., a lawyer of this city and a nephew of William H. Kelly, the former civil justice, died at his home, at 154 East Ninety-first street, from pneumonia on Friday night. He was a man of considerable wealth. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Kelly, and by three children: John, a son, and two daughters, Miss Kelly and Miss Kelly. The funeral will be held on Tuesday afternoon, and the interment will be in New York cemetery.

Winfield Scott Chamberlain, a broker, died suddenly of paralysis at his home, New York City, on Friday night. He was a man of considerable wealth. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Chamberlain, and by three children: John, a son, and two daughters, Miss Chamberlain and Miss Chamberlain. The funeral will be held on Tuesday afternoon, and the interment will be in New York cemetery.

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When yesterday afternoon's high winds were at their worst, shortly after 2 o'clock, a fire broke out in a heap of rubbish in a room on the second floor of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company's car barns on Eighth avenue, between Forty-ninth and Fiftieth streets. The blaze started in a small room on the Forty-ninth street side of the building, and spread with great rapidity through the entire second floor.

For about ten minutes the employees tried to fight the flames with their own apparatus. Policeman John Foley of the West Forty-seventh street station then saw the fire and turned in an alarm.

Former Coroner Gustav Scholer, who lives near the scene of the fire, also saw the flames.

"I ran to a fire box to turn in an alarm," said Dr. Scholer, "but there was an employee guarding the box, and he refused to allow me to do so. Finally, a crowd forcibly removed the man and an alarm was sent in."

Deputy Battalion Chief Devanney was the first to arrive on the scene. Second and third alarms quickly followed, and they brought Deputy Chief Langford and Deputy Fire Commissioner Hugh Bonner to the spot. By the time they arrived the fire was burning fiercely and a heavy pall of smoke extended for blocks, completely filling the subway for a mile or so and getting into the Majestic and Circle theatres, causing some uneasiness among the audiences.

When the fire started there were about seventy-five cars in the barns and 1,500 electric automobiles in the garage of the New York Transportation Company, which is located in the building. President R. W. Meade and Floor Manager Sloan quickly gathered a force of 200 men, and with the use of two large freight elevators got all the automobiles to the street.

Albert Rhuland of 967 Glenmore avenue, Brooklyn, former mayor, saw the fire and ran into the building to where an automatic starter for cars is located. He turned the starter on and many of the cars ran into the street. Some were damaged, but no one was hurt. Supt. Delaney of the street railway gathered a force of men and carried out all the cash in the offices in satchels. Boys were employed with baskets to carry out the building on the west side of Eighth avenue.

The firemen succeeded in confining the fire to the second floor and after an hour and a half of hard fighting they got it under control.

Oren Root, Jr., general manager of the Metropolitan, was heard at a matinee performance at the Metropolitan yesterday, and there was a large audience to listen to what was probably the first grandstand work to most of the hearers. In addition to Mrs. Nordica and Herr Knote, the singers were Mrs. Homer and MM. Campanari and "Die Meistersinger von Nuernberg," which was repeated in the evening, offered as its novelty the first appearance of the Metropolitan Opera House next winter. She is to sing at the Metropolitan in the first three months of the season and later will make a concert tour in the West.

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### CONCERT OF AMERICAN MUSIC.

Advent of a New Orchestral Society at Carnegie Hall.

The new Music Society of America, organized to perform the works of native composers, gave last night at Carnegie Hall the first of two concerts announced for the present season. The Russian Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Modest Alschuler, presented this composition with the assistance of Ruth Deyo, pianist, and Elise Stevens, soprano. The programme comprised MacDowell's "Indian Suite" and piano concerto in D minor, Arthur Shepherd's Paderewski prize composition "Overture Joyeuse" and "Salmagundi's Invocation to Tainith," by H. F. Gilbert.

MacDowell's two compositions are both familiar. He objected strongly only a few years ago to having his compositions placed on programmes devoted exclusively to American music, but he is now ill and probably was not consulted about the arrangement last night.

Miss Deyo, who played for the first time here, showed herself possessed of an excellent technique and a glassy tone. Neither of the two new compositions seemed to justify the organization of a society to introduce them to the public.

### FYNES IN VAUDEVILLE.

Late Manager for Proctor to Have a Theatre Circuit of His Own.

J. Austin Fynes, who retired as general manager for F. F. Proctor last November, announced last night that he had purchased two pieces of theatrical property in the metropolitan district—the Bijou Theatre in Jersey City and a plot at the northwest corner of Fifth avenue and 125th street. These are the start of a new theatre circuit which Mr. Fynes is building up.

Title to the 125th street corner is vested in the International Amusement and Realty Company, which has recently been incorporated. The capital stock is \$100,000, and Mr. Fynes is president of the company.

Mr. Fynes will take possession of the Bijou Theatre at the end of the month and will act for immediate presentation. Daily matinees will be given at popular prices. His next move will be on Newark, he said yesterday. There he is already in negotiation for theatre site.

### YESTERDAY AT THE OPERA.

"Il Trovatore" at the Matinee: "Die Meistersinger" at Night.

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MISSSES' & SMALL WOMEN'S ETON AND HIP COAT SUITS, of fine quality broadcloth, in all the new pastel shades and black; also in the desirable check suitings. Jackets trimmed with self color braid; fronts edged with novelty vesting. Skirts smart circular models; sizes 14 to 16 years; value 21.75

WOMEN'S COATS of fine Covert Cloth; close-fitting; fine, tailored; strapped seams; collar or collarless; taffeta or satin lined. Value \$12.00

WOMEN'S CHINA SILK WAISTS, with Val medallions and insertions, long and short sleeves. Also tailored effects, in black and white 4.85

WOMEN'S WAISTS OF FINE NET, with point Venise cuffs and trimmed with Val lace, short sleeves finished with fancy cuffs or ruffles. Also of Oriental lace in all the leading models 4.95

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WOMEN'S SHIRT WAISTS of fine white lawn, entire fronts of embroidery and tucks, assorted patterns, short or long sleeves, collars and cuffs trimmed with lace 1.39

WOMEN'S SHIRT WAISTS of sheer white lawn, front of embroidery and square yoke of lace insertions; also other models trimmed with lace or embroidery, long or elbow sleeves 1.98

WOMEN'S SHIRT WAISTS of batiste; front, collar and cuffs trimmed with insertion of baby Irish lace; other styles of lawn elaborately trimmed with lace or embroidery; long or elbow sleeves 2.49

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BLACK FIGURED CHIFFON TAFETA, 19 inches wide; small, neat designs. Value 89c 69c

BLACK CHIFFON TAFETA, 20 inches wide, very lustrous and soft finish. Value \$1.00 75c

BLACK CREPE DE CHINE, 48 inches wide; a rich and heavy quality. Value \$2.50 1.98

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